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ABSTRACT

This volume links the year's current news to encyclopedic and almanac-style information on science and technology. This second edition is completely updated, offering full news coverage for 1999, revised statistical tables, and updated facts and figures. The timeline has been expanded to include more problems and catastrophes associated with science and technology, and most tables have been redesigned for greater clarity and ease of use. The first section, "Discipline by Discipline," presents reports of the past year's prominent news stories, along with reference sections that include basic facts, figures, statistics, and concepts in astronomy and space, chemistry, computers and the internet, earth sciences, environment, health and medicine, life sciences, mathematics, meteorology and the weather, physics, and technology. This section is followed by a review of important topics in "Science, Technology, & Society," including controversial issues raised by the year's events and trends, and a roundup of important government regulation in the sci-tech arena. This section ends with a wrap-up of new media published and produced during the year. The "People & Prizes" section which follows presents obituaries of major figures in all sci-tech disciplines who died in the past year, biographies of over 250 individuals who have impacted the field, and current and past award winners. "Science & Technology Around the World" includes statistical portraits of all countries in the world, along with regional comparisons of similar data. This is followed by "History of Science & Technology," which includes a chronology and list of inventions and discoveries. Appendices include a calendar of the coming year's science-related events and a directory. A glossary, bibliography, and a full name, place, and concept index follow the appendices. All material is current as of October 1, 1999, and the news sections throughout the book cover a one-year period ending on the same date. (AEF)

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